

Remarks/Arguments:

The above Amendments and these Remarks are in reply to the Office Action mailed April 4, 2007.

Claims 1-41 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-41.

The present Response amends claims 1, 11, 20, 28 and 35, leaving for the Examiner's present consideration claims 1-41. Reconsideration of the rejections is requested.

Claims 11 and 28 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicates of claims 1 and 20.

Claims 11 and 28 include an additional limitation that is not in claims 1 and 20. Claims 11 and 28 state that "the tool can be used to administer resources within an application and /or a web server". For this reason, a double patenting rejection is not believed to be proper.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-13, 15-18, 20, 20-26, 28, 30-33, 35, 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Wiegel (US 6,484,261 B1).

Claims 4, 14, 21, 29 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegel (US 6,484,261 B1) in further view of Zellweger (US 6,397,222 B1).

Claims 10, 19, 27, 34 and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wiegel (US 6,484,261 B1).

The independent claims 1, 11, 20, 28 and 35, as amended, now include the limitations that "the administration tool is used to administer software"; that "the administration tool is extensible by adding the at least one control panel"; and that "the at least one control panel being added by updating the tree". This is not shown or made obvious by the cited prior art. For example, Wiegel on column 5, lines 61-67 state that a tree corresponding to a logical flow of commands can be updated, but control panels are apparently not added by updating the tree.

For this reason, claims 1, 11, 20, 28 and 35 as well as their dependent claims are believed to be allowable.

In light of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now pending in the subject patent application should be allowable, and a Notice of Allowance is requested. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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